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Mr. William J. Foley, Acting Chairman
Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security
2107 Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Foley:

This letter is in reply to yours (ICIS-P25/151) dated 30 March 1953, regarding SE-36, "Soviet Capabilities for an Attack on the United States before Mid-1955". This estimate was prepared as a contribution to the study being conducted by the Special Evaluation Subcommittee pursuant to NSC-140. The committee, chaired by Lieutenant General Edwards, USAF (Ret.), includes a representative of your committee. Our estimate was not intended to provide final answers as to the Soviet's net capability to inflict damage on the US by clandestine or any other means.

You suggest that we may wish to revise SE-36 in the light of the facts as you know them, but it is not apparent from your letter that you have any facts which were not considered in the preparation of SE-36. Specifically, the AEC communication to which you refer was then given due consideration. The Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee participated in the preparation of the estimate and Mr. McDonald attended as a representative of the JAIIS. The AEC and FBI members of the JAI both concurred in SE-36 when it was adopted by the JAI.

If, however, you do have any information or facts which were not presented for consideration in connection with the preparation of SE-36, whether such facts may have been secured before or after the publication of that estimate, we are most anxious to receive them for consideration. You may be assured that the import of any such material, as evaluated by those best qualified to do so in the intelligence community, will be reflected in our Estimates and in our contributions to studies such as those prepared by the Special Evaluation Subcommittee of the NSC.

We are passing to General Edwards a copy of your letter and a reply, for consideration and such action as he may care to take.

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Sincerely yours,

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Director

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